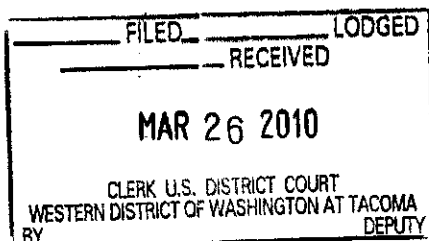


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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

UNDER SEAL,

Plaintiff,

v.

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Defendants.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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AT TACOMA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
ex rel. BRUCE BRANDLER,

Plaintiff,

v.

MSO WASHINGTON, INC., a Washington
Corporation; CHARLES PLUNCKET;
RICHARD RYNES, M.D.; GLEN KEITZER, M.D.;
ANDREW ABOLINS, M.D.; CORAL HILBY, M.D.;
EXPEDITO CASTRO, M.D.; TIMOTHY SMITH,
M.D.; DOUGLASS HARROUN, M.D.;
LYNN OSTENSON, M.D.; THOM MCDONNELL,
M.D.; THOMAS SMITH, M.D.;
MARGARET GAINES, M.D.; DICK COE, M.D.;
RITU SHETTY, M.D.; JOHN LORD, DPM;
JOHN FORD, DPM;
COLLEEN WOJCIECHOWSKI; GIGI HARDTKE;
TICHARD ATER; PHIROCE ISHAQUE;
GEORGIA MOHLER; LINDA LEPAPE,

Defendants.

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ORDER

The United States has filed an *Ex Parte* Application for an Extension of time to Consider Election to Intervene, in which the government seeks a four (4) month extension of time, from April 4, 2010, until August 4, 2010, in which to notify the Court whether it intends to intervene in this *qui tam* lawsuit. Such an extension of time is expressly contemplated by the False

1 Claims Act, which provides that the United States "may, for good cause shown move the Court
2 for extensions of time...." 13 U.S.C. § 3730(b)(3). The Court finds that such good cause exists
3 here.

4 Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that the United States shall have until August 4,
5 2010, to notify the Court of its decision whether or not to intervene in this *qui tam* action. The
6 Clerk shall maintain the Complaint and other filings under seal for the duration of the
7 government's investigation.

8 DATED this 26 day of March, 2010.

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12 ROBERT J. BRYAN
13 United States District Judge

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17 HAROLD MALKIN
18 Assistant United States Attorney
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